FISCAL NOTE

HB 3543

March 9, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the West Tennessee Seismic Safety Commission as an administrative board of the Department of Environment and Conservation to study ways to mitigate earthquake damage in West Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$64,300

Assumptions:

- Travel expenses for 12 board members estimated to be \$9,700 annually.
- One additional Geologist 4 position and office supplies would be required to support the duties and mandate of the Commission.
- Preparation of the study for determining the feasibility of a comprehensive program of earthquake hazard reduction will require additional resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director